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MEMORANDUM TO DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Proposed NSC Directive on Production of Intelligence.

1. Attached is a draft of the memorandum proposed by General Magruder to govern production of national intelligence estimates as modified in discussions with yourself and the undersigned.

2. Paragraph 2 is wholly reworded. Paragraph 9d has been added. Paragraphs 10c through the end of the paper are alternates to those originally proposed by General Magruder, and attempt properly to establish the responsibility for production of national estimates. Attached also as Tab A is a memorandum from the Chief, Coordination, Operations and Policy Staff discussing this draft directive.

3. It was my understanding that the purpose of the discussions with General Magruder was to discover whether there were certain misunderstandings and differences of opinion which could be eliminated and also to draw the line on those points where agreement could not be reached. If, however, it is now proposed for issuance as an agreed on directive, I believe the substantive comments of COAPS, and particularly their conclusion and recommendation on page 5, merit serious consideration.

4. As a proposed directive, this paper is negative in its approach to the fundamental points of difference and is concerned primarily with the internal organization and functioning of CIA. Also, it is not quite clear which existing directives this proposed paper is designed to supplant.

5. I agree with the Chief, COAPS that the position taken in answering Under Secretary of State Webb and the proposed NSC Directive No. 1 forwarded therewith better reflect needs of the Agency and of the DCI for authority concomitant to their responsibilities.

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